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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of registered nursing assistant applicant **Kashana L. Dixon** (NA60157035). In June 2006 she was convicted of minor in possession, and in 2009 she was convicted of destruction of property. She also failed to appear at the requested hearing.

Chelan County

In April 2011 the Nursing Commission granted the application of registered nurse **Hilary Ann Buechler** (RN60105903) and placed her license on probation for one year. On two occasions, she distributed controlled substances to other students enrolled with her in a nursing program. She didn't have a credential to diagnose or treat medical conditions. In 2010 she entered into an agreement placing her credentials to practice as a certified nursing assistant, health care assistant, and intravenous therapy technician on probation with terms and conditions. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Island County

In May 2011 the X-Ray Technician Program granted the application of **Robert A. Wilson** (XT60151219) and placed conditions against his registration. In March 2011 the Medical

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Commission placed his license to practice as a physician on probation for four years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

King County

After a hearing in April 2011, the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Randall J. Kincheloe** (HC60154068). In 2001 the Nursing Commission placed conditions against his license to practice as a licensed practical nurse, and he failed to disclose conditions on his application.

In May 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program amended the statement of charges against chemical dependency professional **Cyndi M. King** (CP00004031). She allegedly practiced mental health counseling without proper credentials, and submitted fraudulent documentation to a court on behalf of more than one client.

After a hearing in April 2011, the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Crystal J. Watson** (HC60168115) and placed her license on probation for two years. In 2008 she was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Kitsap County

In April 2011 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Lois S. Bresaw** (MD00024914) and placed her license on probation for three years. She failed to promptly respond to calls from labor and delivery and placed patients at risk for harm. When one patient was delivering, she failed to respond to requests from nursing staff to evaluate the patient, failed to make good decisions in patient care, failed to respond appropriately to changes in condition of patient and fetus, and failed to respond quickly to changes in condition. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her Washington license.

In April 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Mardella Jean McQuiston** (CO60205481) and placed his certification on probation for two years. In 2001 she was convicted of unlawful issuance of bank checks, in 2002 she was convicted of making a false or misleading statement to a public servant, and in 2010 she was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Lewis County

In March 2011 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant applicant **Wendy Ruth Justus** (VB60204149). In 2008 an order placed her credential to practice as a surgical technologist on probation until June 2011.

Lincoln County

In April 2011 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Amie M. Snider** (RN00173470). Between August 2009 and September 2009, she called in fraudulent

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prescriptions for controlled substances to several pharmacies, and in 2010 she was convicted of solicitation to obtain a controlled substance by fraud. In 2010 she entered into an agreed order with the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Pierce County

In April 2011 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Debbie A. Eastman** (PH00019936).

After a hearing in April 2011, the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **James Daniel Rooth** (CO60198033) and placed his certification on probation for 60 months. In 2010 he was convicted of theft, and three counts of forgery. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Snohomish County

In April 2011 the Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of associate mental health counselor **Lisa Marie Sullivan** (MC60197071) and placed conditions against her license. She continued practicing after her registered counselor credential expired in June 2010. She didn't have a credential to see clients either as a licensed psychologist or a licensed mental health counselor at the time. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Spokane County

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Kyle Gerald Boyd Nichols** (NA60187523) and placed conditions against his registration. In 2007 he was convicted of criminal trespass and assault, and in 2010 he was convicted of driving under the influence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In March 2011 the Dental Commission amended the order against expanded function dental auxiliary **Jennifer K. Preble** (D260139154) granting her credential and placing conditions against it. In 2002 she was convicted of driving under the influence, and in 2009 she was convicted of assault, driving under the influence of intoxicants, and resisting arrest. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

Stevens County

In May 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Shaylynn C. Haller** (RN00169874) with unprofessional conduct. The Montana State Board of Nursing summarily suspended her license to practice as a nurse in Montana.

Thurston County

In April 2011 the Examining Board of Psychology charged **David P. Monson** (PY00001768)

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with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly viewed pornographic websites on his employer's equipment. His employer allegedly terminated him for the alleged conduct.

Whatcom County

In April 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kimberly R. Gannaway** (RN00137700) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Miranda Shelby Kiesel** (NC60211425) and placed conditions against her certification. In 2009 she was convicted of minor in possession, and in 2010 she was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon, and driving under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Out of State

California: In April 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Elsa Nolasco** (RN00171443) on probation for two years. The State of California Board of Registered Nursing placed restrictions against her license to practice as a registered nurse in California due to an incident where she was found to have engaged in gross negligence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Montana: In April 2011 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board entered into an agreed order with occupational therapist assistant **Sheila S. Cottrell** (OC0000679). She failed to comply with previous terms and conditions. She must comply with new terms and conditions set against her license.

North Carolina: In May 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Belinda Faye Jones** (RN60072949) with unprofessional conduct. In 2010 the North Carolina Board of Nursing restricted her license to practice as a registered nurse in North Carolina.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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